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MR. SPEAKER :—" That is a good suggestion. I shall consider it. Does the hon. Member want that the answers should be roneoed and distributed to all members? "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Not to all, but to the hon. Member who has put the concerned question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right. I shall consider that suggestion. The remaining questions and answers to-day will be printed in the Proceedings."

City bus transport.

* 1039 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of money invested in the Madras City Bus Transport Service; and

(*b*) whether the Italian diesel oil engine buses have been transferred into petrol consuming vehicles?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) A sum of Rs. 72,08,596 has been invested in the Government Bus Service, Madras City, up to 31st March 1952.

" (*b*) Twenty-four out of twenty-five Italian diesel engine buses have been converted into petrol engine buses. Only one bus has not been converted into petrol engine bus."

Panchayat for Madukkarai village, Coimbatore district.

* 1040 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the people of Madukkarai village, in Coimbatore district, regarding the constitution of a panchayat; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The question of constituting a panchayat for the village is under the consideration of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in whom the power of constituting panchayats is vested."

Exemption to iced fish dealers from sales tax.

* 1041 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 2nd December 1952, from the Iced Fish Merchants' Association, Tanur, South Malabar, requesting them to exempt the iced fish dealers from sales tax and, if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?